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TO: The Council for Tobacco Research
U.S.A., Inc.
110 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022

FROM: Robert B. Rucker
Robert B. Rucker, 1983 Chair
Elastin Gordon Conference

RE: Supplemental Support for the 1983 (August) Elastin Gordon Conference

Enclosed is the schedule and a proposal that has been submitted for support of the 1983 Gordon Conference on Elastin. This conference will be held in August at Kimball Union Academy, New Hampshire.

The purpose of this memo is to request from the Council for Tobacco Research augmentation funds for supplemental support of this conference. The justification for examining specifically elastin is outlined in the expanded proposal. It is my feeling that there will be concerns raised of particular interest to the Council for Tobacco Research. Consequently, I wish to request \$2,500 from the Council to augment monies already obtained to support the conference. We presently have approximately \$13,000 from the Gordon Conference Office and the NIH for support of the conference. However, we need \$1,500 - 1,700 for full support.

It was my intent to forward this memo sooner. My initial contact with Dr. Robert Hockett was in the Fall of 1982. However, at that time I had not received firm commitments from key discussions leaders. I wanted to have such commitments, before I submitted this request to the Council. Further, I wished to know the magnitude of the NIH support before submitting this request. As will be noted much of the program deals with the role of elastin in lung development and vessel wall metabolism. A session is also dedicated to the role of elastolytic proteinases and their inhibitors. There will also be presentations on elastin peptides as chemotactic agents. All of these components have bearing on the putative role of constituents in tobacco smoke on features of elastin-related lung and vessel wall disease.

In the past I know that this conference has had the enthusiastic support of the council. I again hope that you will be able to support us.

RBR/kf

cc: A. Cruickshank
Gordon Research Conferences